

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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## Holy Masses This Week

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

12:05 p.m. +William & Sandra Bugner

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 [Combined Mass]

{Mary, Mother of God---Holy Day of Obligation}  
10:00 a.m. + Maria Garcia & "Juan Reyneros

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

12:05 p.m. +Jim Mies

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

12:05 p.m. +Mary Werth

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

4:00 p.m. Intentions of Tim &  
Heather Hessman

5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

{The Epiphany of our Lord}

9:30 a.m. St. Anthony Parish Family

11:00 a.m. Vietnamese Mass

**Liturgical Roles for Saturday, January 4,  
at 4:00 p.m.:**

Lector: C. Claycomb

E. Minister: C. Hartman

Ushers: J. & K. Cordell, B. Buhrman

**Liturgical Roles for Sunday, January 5,  
at 9:30 a.m.:**

Lector: S. Walcher

E. Minister: D. Walterscheid

## PARISH PRAYER LINE

Jerry Warrell Kathy Hunter Tony Magdalino  
Ukraine and its Citizens Johnny Julie Munoz  
Michelle Houchin Lori Born Phu Nguyen  
Grace Dana Corina Nancy Parish  
+Derek Parish Wayne Gottshine Karla Bennett

# Good News!

December 29, 2024

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (C)*

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 /

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 / Luke 2:41-52

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**Adolescence can bring family life into an upheaval for both parents and adolescents alike.** At its heart, adolescence is an urge for independence, a silent instinct to be part of the larger world. It is a calling sewn by God's Spirit into the very fabric of being human. At its best, family life can be the staging ground for that movement outward.

Hannah recognized this when she believed that her young son Samuel was chosen for a specific role in life. It moved her to bring Samuel to the temple to be raised there in growing service to the community. Ultimately Samuel became a charismatic leader of the Hebrew people who would anoint both Saul and David as king. That same calling seemed to take time to unfold in the awareness of Joseph and Mary who wondered why Jesus stayed behind in the temple. "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" asked Jesus of them (Luke 2:49). All of us are meant to live more than a life of satisfaction for ourselves or even the fulfillment of our parents' dreams.

We may find ourselves asking a young person what they want to be when they grow up. A more valuable question might be what they think God wants them to be. While the Spirit of God does not usually ask us to be something contrary to our inclinations, the call of service to the needs of the human family is an added piece to the puzzle of what someone's life might look like. ●

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## OFFERING

December 22, 2024

English: \$ 2,899.60

Vietnamese \$ 8,172.00

Total: \$ 11,071.00

DECEMBER 29, 2024



As the calendar warns us, the New Year of 2025 is right around the corner on Wednesday, January 1. That day is also the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, and is a Holyday of Obligation.

The mass for that Holy Day is at 10:00 a.m. and is a combined Mass for both English and Vietnamese parishioners.

January 1 also ushers in a New Year for all of us. We pray profoundly that it is a year of good health and prosperity for everyone, and also a year of growth in our faith and devotion to our Savior.

Some New Year thoughts:

\*Cheers to a new year, and another chance for us to get it right!

--Oprah Winfrey

\*I can't believe it's been a year since I didn't become a better person.

--Anonymous

\*Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one.

--Brad Paisley

\*You'll never get bored when you try something new. There's no limit to what you can do! --Dr. Seuss

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**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

Due to the Christmas holiday, we were not given the latest Campaign numbers for St. Anthony by the Diocese. Last week was \$401,180 in pledges which is 88.17% of the final goal. In the back of church (west side), there is a large banner thermometer which regularly tracks the information as we receive it. And **Thank you** to everyone who has already returned their pledge card

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**January birthdays in the parish:** Bob Hartman (January 2); Paul Doyon (January 14); Kaitlyn Slingsby (January 19); the "voice of St. Anthony's," Bernard Dette (January 28); 9:30 Mass lector and EMHC Suzanne Walcher (January 29); and 4:00 usher, Kelly Cordell (January 31).

Abundant graces to everyone this new year, and we hope it is the best year you have ever had!

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Our Vietnamese community is selling raffle tickets for their TET (New Year) celebration in January. A \$5 donation buys one ticket, which can be purchased at the Parish Office.

The raffle will be January 18, 2025, with these prizes:

GRAND PRIZE: \$3,000

Prize #1: iPhone 16 Pro Max

Prize #2: \$1,000 Prize #3: \$600

Prize #4: \$ 500 Prize #5: \$400

Prize #6 \$ 300 Prize #7 \$200

Prize #8 \$ 100

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We are in need of more Mass intentions. The stipend is \$10, and can be dropped in the collection basket with your name, the intention name (add + if deceased), and the stipend.

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